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Polymeric Compositions  
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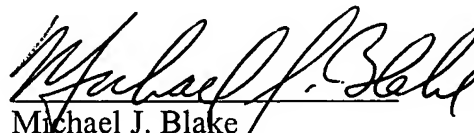
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|  | Application Number       | 09/320,002       |
|  | Filing Date              | 05/26/1999       |
|  | Group Art Unit           | 1721             |
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METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which

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Application Number 09/320,002 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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| 60/031,478                     |                   | 11/27/1996                      |                                      |
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